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Enforcement Action

Dr. Mara Johnson

The Board for Geologists and Geophysicists (Board) issued a citation and fine of \$2,500 to Dr. Mara Johnson for violation of sections 7832 and 7872(a) of the Business and Professions Code (practicing *or offering to practice* geology or geophysics without a license).

The Argus Technologies website under “Key Personnel” described, Dr. Johnson’s professional role with Argus Technology in part as “... directs our geo-sciences program, overseeing the geophysical surveys and drilling work, conducting borehole logging, and analysis of data collected.” Consequently, Dr. Johnson violated Business and Professions Code section 7832 and 7872(a), which constitute grounds for disciplinary action under Business and Professions Code section 7872(a).

Title 16, California Code of Regulations, section 3062.1 of the Business and Professions Code authorizes assessment of administrative fines up to \$2,500 for violations of sections 7832 and 7872(a) of the Business and Professions Code.

In accordance with section 125.9(d) of the Business and Professions Code specifies that payment of the fine does not constitute admission of the violation charged and represents satisfactory resolution of the matter. Dr. Johnson agreed to pay the fine and the case was closed on December 14, 2005.